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1. DECEMBER 15 PRESS CARRIES CONTINUATION AND INTENSIFICATION
VERBAL BATTLE WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON IN RECENT DAYS BETWEEN
PRIMIN DEMIREL AND RUPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) LEADER
ECEVIT IN CONNECTION WITH CONTINUING VIOLENCE AMONG TURKISH
YOUTH (REFTEL).

2. ADDRESSING THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) SENATE GROUP DECEMBER 14,
DEMIREL REPORTEDLY RIDICULED ECEVIT'S CLAIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT
WAS BEHIND THE CONINUING DISTRUBANCES AND WENT ON TO ACCUSE THE
RPP OF " APPLYING EVERY MEANS TO SABOTAGE THE EFFORTS OF THE
SECURITY FORCES AND THE ADMINISTRATION" TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM
AND THEN " TRYING TO CAST THE BLAME ON OTHERS". GETTING MORE
PERSONAL, DEMIREL, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, STATED THAT " THE
PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN IS IN A FURIOUS RAGE. HE OCCASIONALLY
LOSES HIMSELF AND FORGETS WHAT HE IS SAYING...HE SAYS UNTRUE AND
ILLOGICAL THINGS AND REPEATS THEM...IT IS THE PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN
WHO HAS BROUGHT PROVOCATION, SUBVERSION, DIVISIVENESS,
OBSTRUCTIVENESS, AND DOUBLE-DEALING TO TURKEY."

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3. STATING THAT IT WAS LEFTISTS AND LEFTISM WHICH HAD BROUGHT CONFLICT TO TURKEY, DEMIREL REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT THE RPP " HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS UNDER THE SAME MANTLE AND ON THE SAME SIDE AS ALL SHADES OF THE LEFT." DISCUSSING THE RPP'S RECENTLY ADOPTED DECISION TO JOIN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, DEMIREL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WITH THAT DECISION THE RPP " HAS BECOME NON-NATIONAL... A MULTINATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY." THE RPP, DEMIREL IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, " HAS BECOME A SATELLITE OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM." ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, DEMIREL WENT ON TO DECLARE THAT " IN 1977, OUR NATION WILL REJECT THE LEFTISM OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, WHICH MEANS ONLY BLACKMAIL, MALICE, VIOLENCE, AND DOUBLE-DEALING."

4. ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 14, ECEVIT REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT "IT IS DESIRED WITH RECENT INCIDENTS TO PROVOKE THE RPP, DRAW IT INTO THEM, TURN THE CRISIS INTO A CLIFF-HANGER AND CREATE THE REQUIREMENT OF MARTIAL LAW. IT IS DESIRED TO DRAW IN OUR ARMY, WHICH WANTS TO SAY OUTSIDE AND ABOVE SUCH INCIDENTS...BUT THE ARMY WILL NOT PLAY THIS GAME. THE RPP WILL NOT PLAY THIS GAME." ECEVIT WAS REPORTED AS ALLEGING THAT THE LAST TIME THE JP WAS IN POWER IT DESTROYED DEMOCRACY AND " THIS TIME IT WANTS TO DESTROY BOTH DEMOCRACY AND THE STATE. AN ORGANIZATION (NOTE: A REFERENCE TO THE NATIONALSIT ACTION PARTY-AFFILIATED IDEALIST HEARTHS) WHICH IS RUN BY MURDERS AND WHICH IS PROTECTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OPENLY ISSUES ANNOUNCEMENTS." AGAIN APPARENTLY SPEAKING OF THE IDEALIST HEARTHS, ECEVIT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT " THE POLICE SEE THAT THOSE WHO ARE BING SOUGHT FOR MURDERS ARE RECEIVED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND FLOWERS AND MESSAGES ARE BEING SENT TO THEIR CONGRESSES." THE SECURITY FORCES WANT TO DO THEIR DUTY BUT CANNOT, ECEVIT SAID, BECAUSE "THE POLICE ARE UNABLE TO KNOW WHICH GOVERNMENT BIG SHOT IS BEHIND WHICH ATTACKERS, PARTIES, OR SLOGAN-HANGARS." QUOTING CONFLICTING STATEMENTS OF COALITION MEMBERS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT VIOLENCE, ECEVIT DECLARED THAT "THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY TODAY." MACOMBER

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